

thereof, shall, upon the warrant of the comptroller, be paid into the treasury and placed to the credit of a fund which shall be called "the oyster fund," and the same shall be kept separate and distinct from other funds in the treasury, and shall only be drawn upon for the purpose of maintaining sufficient and proper police regulations for the protection of fish and oysters in Maryland waters and in payment of the officers and men, and keeping in repair and supplying the necessary means of sailing the boats and vessels of the State fishery force; and the comptroller is hereby required to state in his annual report, particularly, the receipts and expenditures on account of said fund, and the balance standing to the credit of the State at the time of making such report.

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1886, ch. 296, sec. 23.

25. The board of public works are empowered and directed to purchase for each of the guard-boats such arms and ammunitions as may be necessary to make them efficient, and the officers of such boats shall be authorized to use such arms, in their discretion, for the enforcement of the provisions of this article.

Ibid. sec. 24.

26. For the more efficient working of the State fishery force, the waters of this State shall be divided into seven districts, of which the waters of Kent and Queen Anne's shall be the first; the waters of Queen Anne's and Talbot shall be the second; the waters of Talbot and Dorchester, the third; the waters of Wicomico, the fourth; the waters of Somerset, the fifth; the waters of Anne Arundel, the sixth; the waters of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, the seventh; each of the said districts shall be guarded by one sailing vessel, except the third, which shall be guarded by three, and the sixth and seventh, which shall be guarded by two each; and it shall be the duty of the deputy commander of the first district to guard the waters of Chester river, belonging to Queen Anne's county, and the waters of Kent county, including Swan point bar; and the duty of the commander of the second district to guard the waters of Eastern bay and its tributaries, and the waters of Talbot county, as far down as Black Walnut Point; and it shall be the duty of one of the